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PM Modi interacts with Channapatna toy makers

Prime Minister Inaugurates virtual 'India Toy Fair'

New Delhi, Feb.27 (SSV)- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has stressed on e-marketing of world-famous Channapatna toys and said a meeting of start-ups of Bengaluru will be convened to explore the possibilities of taking Karnataka's traditional toys to the corners of World.

Interacting with a group of toy makers of Channapatna in Ramanagara district during the virtual inauguration of 'India Toy Fair' in New Delhi this morning, the PM went down the memory lane, remembering his childhood days, after he heard names of a few toys. "By mentioning the names of toys, you are making me to go back to my days as a child playing with certain toys," he said.

The toy makers told the PM that Channapatna Town, situated 60 kms from Bengaluru, is popularly known as 'Gombegala Nagara' (City of Toys), for manufacturing varieties of toys, which is most sought after worldwide.

These toys have a history of over two centuries and as many as 2,000 artisans are involved in it. While 80 percent of workforce is men, 20 percent are women. The toys are made out of the locally available 'Hale Mara' (Soft ivory wood), cut and seasoned before coating with lacquer which is made from vegetable dyes. They will manufacture toys, abacus, dice, spinning tops and other small toys.

Modi sought to know how big the toy cluster in Channapatna was and how many people were working in it. He was explained that over 2,000 artisans were involved and there were two training Centres. The PM was also told that they required the Government's support for opening new centres as more people were getting into this business.

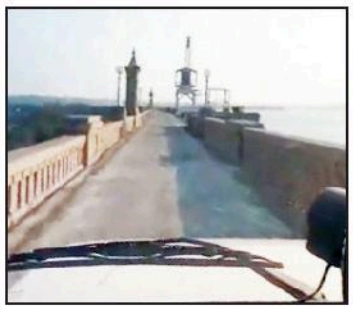
The toy makers replied in negative when Modi asked whether they know about Bengaluru being called as start-ups capital and IT/BT hub of India with the pool of talents. The PM advised them to bring those professionals to Channapatna Training Centres to seek their help on latest innovation so as to make the Channapatna toys reach length and breadth of the world.

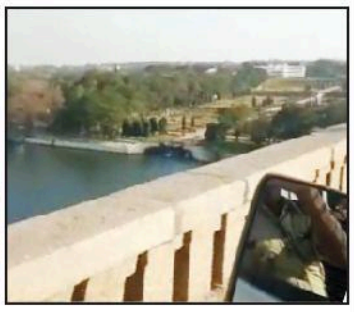
The PM rained toy makers with a variety of questions. Have you heard of e-market? Have you tried it? What innovation have you adopted to make your toys more popular around the globe? Do you have the system of awarding prize to best innovation every year? Do you know what kind of toys is liked by children, he asked

(See PM on page 7)

Youth drives Police jeep on KRS Dam

Public not even allowed by security men to walk here





Srirangapatna, Feb. 27 (Vinay Karekura & BCT)- A youth has landed himself in a controversy after driving a Police jeep on top of the Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam in Mandya. While there is no information on the exact day and time, the very video which has been shot on a cell phone has gone viral today on social networking sites.

The video has raised many questions over the safety and security of the Dam. While the general public are not even allowed to walk on the Dam wall, how can a Police jeep travel on top of it, questioned public.

The youth, not identified yet, is seen driving the Police jeep from the Dam's North Gate in great speed with blaring music. The video has been shot by another person inside the vehicle. While the face of the youth is not clearly visible, a man sitting in a Police uniform can be seen seated next to him.

Srirangapatna Intelligence officers told *Star of Mysore* this morning that they had seen the video and the vehicle belongs to an inspector from Karnataka State Industrial Force (KISF). KISF has the responsibility of guarding the Dam 24X7.

The controversy here is letting the youth in question along with the Police jeep to drive on the Dam wall at a high security zone. The security is so tight here that people coming near the North Gate are shooed away by KISF personnel. The video has caused an outrage as there are different rules for a common man and some special people are enjoying uncalled for privileges.

Four hospitals identified for Phase-3 vaccination drive

Mysuru, Feb. 27 (SSV)- Four hospitals have been selected for administering COVID-19 vaccine for people above 60 years and for those above 45 years but with comorbidities, during the Phase -3 vaccination drive from Mar. 1.

Dr. L. Ravi, Reproductive and Child Health Officer and Nodal Officer for COVID-19 Vaccination, told *SOM* that in Government Hospital category, vaccination will be done at Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI) and District Hospital on KRS Road. In Private Hospital category, inoculation will be done at JSS Multi-Speciality Hospital and Apollo BGS Hospital. Besides, vaccination will be done at all six Taluk General Hospitals.

He said while the vaccine will be administered free of cost in Government Hospitals, the rate for vaccine in Private Hospitals is not fixed. The Union Government is likely to announce the rate of each dose by tomorrow. All Taluk General Hospital doctors have been asked to identify popular personalities who fit in this category in their taluks and agree to receive the first jab on the first day of Phase-3 launch. Similarly, the District Health Officers have been asked to find out the celebrities residing in Mysuru City to administer them with the vaccine on Monday.

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Saturday 27th February 2021

Talks on Shivanandalahari and Mahashivarathri at Sadhana Mandira

Mysuru, Feb. 27- Sadhana Mandira, Mysuru, is organising a series of talks by Pujya Swami Chidananda of Fowai Forum, Mumbai, on 'Shivanandalahari' composed by Adi Shankaracharya in Kannada.

Swamiji is well-versed in the Scriptures and is a Vedantic teacher for over 35 years.

Swami Chidananda

These talks are scheduled from Mar. 1 to 7 daily from 6.30 pm to 8 pm at Ramana Jnana Kendra, Adichunchanagiri Road, near Apollo BGS Hospitals. This series is a prelude to Mahashivarathri Mahotsava-2021.

Mahashivarathri celebrations, organised by Sadhana Mandira, will be held on Mar. 11 (Thursday) from 6 pm to 8 pm at Sadhana Mandira, #22, 4th Cross, Brindavan Extension, 1st Stage, Mysuru. Rudrabhishekam with 11 dravyas, Chanting of Stotrams, Singing of Bhajans and Mahamangalarati will be the highlights of the day. Both these events will be available online as well.

NOTE: Devotees participating offline have to mandatorily follow the instructions regarding COVID-19 like wearing of mask during the programme.

For details one may contact Ph: 0821-2978516 or WhatsApp: 80730-44870, states a press release from Swami Hamsananda Acharya, Sadhana Mandira.

Ravichandran and Hamsalekha musical evening tomorrow

Mysuru, Feb. 27- Ninaad Musical Trust has organised 'Crazy Star Ravichandran and Music Director Hamsalekha Musical Evening' at RamaGovinda Rangamandira in Ramakrishnanagar on Feb. 28 at 5.30 pm.

Trust Convenor Mike Chandru said, "Super hit songs of Ravichandran and Hamsalekha combination, which are very popular even today, would be rendered at this musical evening, under the direction of Music Director A.S. Prasanna. Over 30 singers and 10 co-artistes are participating in this orchestra."

Backward Classes Welfare Department District Officer (Mandya) Somashekar Jigani, Music Director A.S. Ravishankar and Chandrashekhar will be felicitated on this occasion.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Taxes are the primary reason for the record highs in the retail price of petrol and diesel, which have already breached the Rs. 100 per litre mark in some parts of India. For sure, the rise in price of international crude has played its part. The Indian basket of crude cost 62 dollars a barrel this week, an increase of at least 25 percent since the end of the last year. The real picture however emerges when the retail price is subdivided. A week ago, the retail price of petrol in Delhi was Rs. 89.29 a litre. Of this, Rs. 57.19, or 64 percent of the price, was on account of taxes and dealer commissions. The major portion of tax went to the Centre, Rs. 32.90 for a litre. The Centre's tax is higher than base price of petrol.

Four States, Assam, Bengal, Rajasthan and Meghalaya have taken the lead to reduce fuel taxes. While one may argue that electoral considerations played a part in the decision of the first two States, the other two deserve credit. When crude price dropped from 2015, the government increased taxes to corner the benefits of a favourable environment. When the environment is changing, people are expected to bear the brunt of the increase. This tax policy could undermine economic growth as fuel is an input in many sectors. The Centre and States should lower taxes before growth prospects are harmed. *—In the Times of India*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Artist sculpts pencil lead into tiny, detailed artworks

Tokyo: Everyone knows how brittle and delicate the pencil lead is. But Japanese artist Shiroi is able to carve that fragile material into stunningly, tiny and detailed micro-artworks.

Shiroi (@shir0003) took up pencil lead carving seven years ago, after watching a segment on renowned Japanese pencil carver Toshiyuki Yamazaki on TV. He was blown away by the level of detail the master lead carver could achieve and decided to give it a try for himself. Today, Shiroi is a pencil lead carving master in his own right.

Over the years, Shiroi honed his pencil lead-carving skills to a point where he is now able to carve almost anything out of a pencil, from tiny swords, to replicas of famous landmarks and even chains or car maker names and brands.

A sheep whose wool hadn't been sheared for 5 years

Victoria: Photos of a "wild" sheep found in a forest in Australia went viral this week, because of the unusual coat the animal sported.

Named Baarack by his rescuers at Edgar's Mission Farm Sanctuary near Lancefield, Victoria, the ovine is believed to have once been owned by a farm, but his ear tags were ripped out by the thick layer of matted wool on its face. At the time of his rescue, Baarack looked almost nothing like a sheep, his slender frame hidden under a mass of wool and dirt that weighed a whopping 35 kilograms. This was because the sheep's wool was not sheared for five years.

Shearing a sheep usually takes a few minutes, but in Baarack's case, the process lasted over an hour. He was lucky people spotted him in the wild and alerted his rescuers at the animal sanctuary, as his massive coat was already a serious problem.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Uterine blood flow increases from 50 mL/min to 1 L/min or more at term. Almost 90% of the flow is directed to the placental intervillous spaces for transplacental exchange with the fetus. Placenta is a temporary fetal organ!

By Dr. Madhura Phatak- Consultant, Obstetrics & Gynecology

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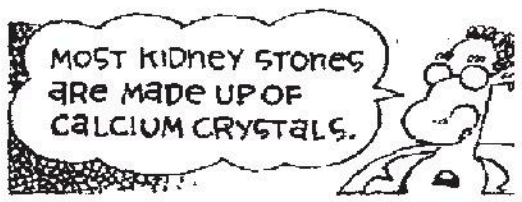


One in 10 people will get kidney stones, with a 70 to 80 percent recurrence rate. Kidney stone pain level has been compared with childbirth. To prevent kidney stones make sure your urine is a light yellow tint. Get adequate magnesium, along with calcium (from food). Avoid sugar and soda.

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	FEB. 25	FEB. 26
Day's Positive Cases	27	36
Total Positive Cases	54,019	54,055
Day's Discharges	14	17
Total Discharges	52,799	52,816
Day's Deaths	0	0
Total Deaths	1,030	1,030
Total Active Cases	190	209

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

Free computer training and cooking contest for women

Mysuru, Feb. 27- On the occasion of International Women's Day, QDP Technologies (Skill Development Training Centre) is organising a cooking competition and free computer training for women on Mar. 8 at their office premises in Kuvempunagar.

Free computer training is for those aged between 18 and 35 years. This training includes computer fundamentals, MS Office, Typing skills, Kannada Nudi, Data Entry, Form-filling and Computer Hardware and Networking. The programme starts on Mar. 8. Interested candidates may apply with their biodata, educational proof and Aadhaar details along with passport size photo.

Cooking competition will be held on the same day for all interested women. It includes healthy breakfast, healthy drinks and snacks. Interested candidates may register before Mar. 5. For details and registration, visit #665,1st floor, Nrupatunga Road, Kuvempunagar, Mysuru or call Ph: 0821-2560268 or Mob: 93802-31665.

REALLY...?

- ***You should never use boiling water for tea as you'll burn the leaf.***
- ***Darjeeling is known as the "Champagne of Tea" — as like Champagne, it all comes from one specific region.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Boy: *Teacher, don't you see an ant going to my head?*
Teacher: *Such silly things why show to me?*
Boy: *You only said, nothing will enter my head!!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 73.60
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 102.48
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.04
1 Euro	= Rs. 88.85

VOICE OF THE READER

Cattle let loose in Ramakrishnanagar

Sir,

Our city roads are dangerous for driving with rampant potholes, unscientific, unmarked humps, rash driving, stray dogs and what not. Now, there is one more reason for accidents.

Every morning, some people have made it a regular habit to let loose their cattle in our area. They come back later in the day to take them. The whole day, these cattle roam around the area in search of food. Many sit right in the middle of the narrow streets. Some of them are ready to gore the passers by with their intimidating horns.

I am sure it's the same situation in other areas of the city too. The local authorities can take steps to prevent this menace in the interest of the safety of the residents.

All they have to do is warn and penalise the owners to such an extent that they would start thinking of shifting their animals out of the city.

Can we dream of making our beautiful city roads free of cattle and dogs?

—P.L. Jothindra
Ramakrishnanagar
22.2.2021

Indian Newspaper Society writes to Google to pay for news

New Delhi, Feb. 27 (Agencies)- The Indian Newspaper Society (INS) has written to Google to "properly share advertising revenues" for content published by newspapers, a move that comes following a deal struck by Google in Australia with Rupert Murdoch's Newscorp to do just this.

President of INS, L. Adimoolam, said in a letter addressed to Google India's country manager Sanjay Gupta that Google should "pay for news generated by newspapers which employ thousands of journalists on the ground at considerable expense", the body said in a statement, adding that it is in discussions with the tech giant.

INS noted that there is a huge distinction between editorial content from quality publications and fake news that is spreading on other information platforms. "The Society noted that over the past year publishers across the world have been raising the issue of fair payment for content and of proper sharing of advertising revenue with Google. It has also noted that Google has recently agreed to better compensate and pay publishers in France, the European Union and Australia."

On Thursday, the two Houses of Australia's Parliament passed the "News Media and Digital Platforms Mandatory Bargaining Code" that requires companies such as Google and Facebook, whose primary source of revenue is advertising, to pay local publishers for news content.

Shrinking advertisement share

INS added that advertising has been the financial backbone of the news industry but that "newspaper publishers are seeing their share of the advertising pie shrinking in the digital space, even as Google is taking a giant share, leaving publishers with a small share".

Raising an issue that has been a sticking point with traditional media companies around the world, the INS statement referred to Google's role as a search engine, an ad-tech company, and also an analytics firm. It said publishers face an opaque advertising system, as they are unable to get details of Google's advertising value chain. It has insisted that Google increase the publisher share of advertising revenue to 85 percent, and also ensure transparency in revenue reports provided by it.

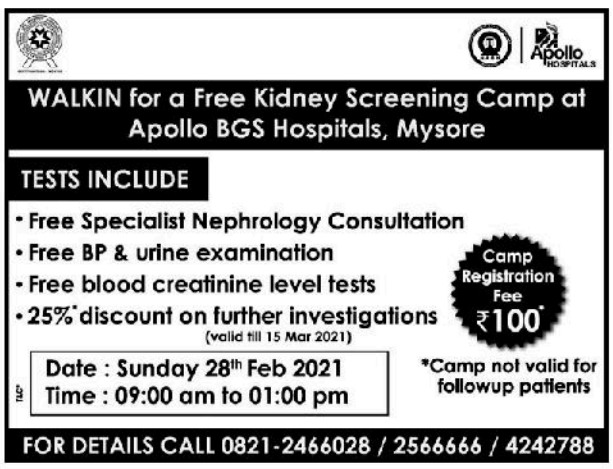
Alphabet's Google last year said it would pay some media groups in Australia, Brazil and Germany for high-quality content, and expects to do more deals with others. The tech giant has for years tried to fend off such demands worldwide in return for using their content, with European media groups among its fiercest critics.

Pointing out that the INS is engaged in discussions with Google on these vital issues, the letter also reiterated that "Indian print media is the most credible source of news and information in the country, and newspapers play a vital role in nation-building."

Vipra Sammelana in city tomorrow

Mysuru, Feb. 27- Mysuru City and District Brahmana Sangha has organised Vipra Sammelana at Sindhura Convention Hall in Vishweshwaranagar here tomorrow (Feb. 28).

Announcing this at a press meet here yesterday, Sangha President D.T. Prakash said that Pejawar Seer Sri Vishwa Prasanna Theertha Swamiji, Avadhoota Datta Peetham Junior Pontiff Sri Datta Vijayananda Theertha Swamiji, Parakala Mutt Chief Venkatachar, MLA S.A. Ramdas, Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) Chairman H.V. Rajeev and others will be present during the Sammelana.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NEWS BRIEFS

Kavigoshti tomorrow

Akhila Bharatiya Sahitya Parishad at Vijayashripura in city will be conducting a State-level 'Kavighosti' (Poets meet) in city tomorrow (Feb. 28) at Madhava Krupa on JLB Road at 10 am. Parishad State Vice-President S.G. Koti will inaugurate. A total of 50 poets who were successful in the district-level meet are eligible to take part in this final round of Kavighosti. The district–level meet was conducted with the theme 'Ayodhyeyalli Ramamandira-Hrudayadalli Ramachandira'. There are 10 prizes. 1st prize - Rs. 10,000, 2nd prize - Rs. 7,000, 3rd prize - Rs. 5,000 and seven consolation prizes of Rs. 1,000 each. Veteran Littérateur Dr. C.P. Krishnakumar will preside. Parishad General Secretary Raghunandan Bhat will deliver the keynote address. Bengaluru's Vibhu Foundation head Dr. V. B. Arati will deliver the valedictory address at 2.30 pm.

Preparatory Meeting

Karnataka Pradesh Kurubara Sangha has organised a preparatory meeting at Kanaka Shakha Mutt, Siddarthanagar here on Feb. 28 at 11 am to discuss setting up of Mysuru District Unit, Women Unit and Youth Unit in city. Political leaders of the community as well as members of various Kuruba associations are requested to attend the meeting and voice their opinions.

Adoption of Animals

The following individuals / institutions have adopted the animals of Mysuru Zoo under "Adoption of Animals" scheme by paying the Adoption Fee: Siddharth Hari, Bengaluru - Indian Crested Porcupine & Russels Viper (Rs. 5,500); S. Manish Babu, Bengaluru - Leopard Cat (Rs. 5,000); Shrishail V. Kalaburgi, Bengaluru - Indian Cobra, Common Barn Owl & Leopard Cat (Rs. 10,500); H. Anoop, Mysuru - King Cobra (Rs. 3,500); B.N. Akarsh, Bengaluru - Himalayan Goral (Rs. 5,000); Unnathi A. Rao, Bengaluru - Star Tortoise & Common Rat Snake (Rs. 3,000) and Lavanya, Mysuru - Spotted Deer (Rs. 7,500), according to a press release, from the Zoo Executive Director.

WATER LEVEL

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00	feet
Today	:	2,823.41	feet
Inflow	:	69	cusecs
Outflow	:	30	cusecs

Mayor Election: Former Congress Mayors upset over outcome

Mysuru, Feb. 27- Upset over the outcome of the recently held Mayoral polls, former Congress Mayors have demanded disciplinary action against the MLA Tanveer Sait for what they called violation of the party's stand.

Addressing a press meet here yesterday, two former Congress Mayors Arif Hussain and Ayub Khan accused Sait of joining hands with former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy to 'humiliate' Opposition leader and former CM Siddharamaiah.

Taking exception to the sloganeering against Siddharamaiah in front of Sait's residence on Friday morning, Arif Hussain said that Siddharamaiah was the 'Voice of Muslims.' Maintaining that though Siddharamaiah had instructed Sait to secure the Mayor post for the Congress as per the understanding reached with the JD(S) after the 2018 MCC polls, Hussain alleged that Sait brokered a deal with JD(S) leader and former CM H.D. Kumaraswamy to hand over the Mayor post to JD(S). Accusing Sait of also getting people to shout slogans against Siddharamaiah, Hussain claimed that the entire Congress party was with Siddharamaiah.

Ayub Khan said that he and Hussain had opposed Sait's decision to support JD(S) candidate in the Mayoral polls and walked out when the voting for the post of Mayor was taken up. Asserting that before they entered the Council Hall for the Mayoral polls, they were informed to vote for Congress candidate Shantakumari, he claimed that they were shocked when Sait asked them to vote for JD(S) and walked out suspecting a conspiracy.

Continuing, Ayub Khan said that he and Hussain reported the matter to KPCC Working President R. Dhruvanarayan, who had been deputed to the polls as KPCC Observer. Even Dhruvanarayan was not aware that the Congress was backing the JD(S) candidate, he added.

Pointing out that party instructions should either come from KPCC President D.K. Shivakumar or Congress Legislative Party (CLP) leader Siddharamaiah or KPCC Observer Dhruvanarayan, Ayub Khan said that Sait had no authority to issue instructions. Noting that Sait is a five-time MLA and also a former Minister, Khan wanted the Party High Command to initiate disciplinary action against Sait by suspending him from the party.

Corporator Shantakumari said that she became a victim of conspiracy of some of her own party leaders. Maintaining that Opposition Leader Siddharamaiah wanted the JD(S) to honour the understanding reached between the two parties post the 2018 MCC polls, Shantakumari said she was hopeful of the support of all Congress leaders. But that was not to be at the end, with MLA Sait asking the party Corporators to vote for the JD(S) candidate Rukmini Madegowda. As all the Congress Corporators had decided to vote for JD(S), she felt insulted and decided not to raise her hand in the vote count, Shantakumari maintained.

Even as former Congress Mayors were addressing the press meet, Abdul Khader Shahid, a close associate of Sait arrived at the venue. Accusing Shahid of leading a group of party leaders who had raised slogans against Siddharamaiah in front of Sait's residence earlier in the morning, Corporator Gopi wanted Shahid to leave the place, when a confrontation broke out between the two. However, party leaders intervened to calm down the situation.

In another development that ensued soon after the former Congress Mayors press meet, a few supporters of MLA Tanveer Sait raised slogans condemning Siddharamaiah and hailing Sait. The sloganeering led to a tense situation for a few minutes, before the Police intervened and prevented the situation from going out of control.

Sait defends his action

Tanveer Sait

Mysuru, Feb. 27 (RK&DM)- Even as Sait's supporters indulged in sloganeering against Opposition Leader Siddharamaiah and former Assembly Speaker Ramesh Kumar for issuing notice threat to him, N.R. MLA Tanveer Sait said that the decision to hand over the Mayor post to JD(S), has only enhanced the prestige of the Congress as the party was successful in keeping the communal BJP out of power.

Speaking to presspersons at his residence yesterday, Sait defended his action saying that he had not done anything wrong and whatever he had done, was only for the good of the Congress. Sait said that he had taken the decision to save the party and also uphold the democratic principles as envisaged in the Constitution.

Reiterating that his action has upheld democratic principles and at the same time enhanced the prestige of Congress, he said that the Congress has supported a secular party, while also ensuring that the Congress principles are not sacrificed.

Asserting that the party had taken him into confidence in the Mayoral polls, Sait reiterated that his decision was a wise move to stop the BJP from getting the Mayor post. Pointing out that he has explained in detail to the Party High Command on the last minute developments in the run up to the Mayoral polls, the MLA claimed that he had not acted in his personal interest and had only done what was the best for the party.

Meanwhile, speaking to presspersons here this morning, Sait that he was ready to face any disciplinary action if the party opts to issue a notice to him. Strongly defending his action, Sait said that he was not scared of any disciplinary action.

In an apparent rebuke to former CM Siddharamaiah, Sait said that he was ready for anything. He asserted that his action was only aimed at protecting the interests of the party and at the same time, to keep the BJP out of power.

Speculations galore as Siddharamaiah moves to resort for some 'Rest'

Siddharamaiah

Bengaluru, Feb. 27 (KMS& DM)- Even as the rift in the Congress over the Mysuru Mayoral polls is yet to calm down, Opposition Leader and former Chief Minister Siddharamaiah, who is reportedly upset over N.R. MLA Tanveer Sait's action of handing over the Mayor's post to JD(S) in his hometown of Mysuru, in a breach of agreement between the two parties for ruling the civic body, is said to have moved to a resort in the outskirts of Bengaluru.

Siddharamaiah's sudden decision to stay at a resort for some 'rest', has given rise to speculations in party circles that he may evolve his own plans for displaying his political strength in the coming days. Reportedly upset over the recent developments in the Congress that has hurt his pride, Siddharamaiah is learnt to have making strategies on his next move for taking on KPCC President D.K. Shivakumar.

Siddharamaiah's action of moving to a resort just two days after Mysuru Mayoral polls, has come as a surprise not only to his followers, but also in Congress circles. The Opposition Leader is said to be deeply upset over Shivakumar's clandestine understanding with JD(S) leader and former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy, his (Siddu) bête noire, as can be understood by the just concluded Mysuru Mayoral polls.

Congress sources said that Siddharamaiah, who held talks with a delegation of his supporters from Mysuru on Friday, had vented out his anger against the developments that took place in the party minutes before the Mayoral polls. The former CM is also learnt to have expressed his anguish over the way N.R. MLA Tanveer Sait handled the situation and surrendered meekly to the JD(S), in violation of the party's directive.

Siddharamaiah, who is expected to stay in the resort for a couple of days, will make use of his stay to come up with plans for keeping a check on Shivakumar (DKS), who of late is reportedly getting closer to Kumaraswamy. Accusing JD(S) of being an opportunist party, Siddharamaiah is said to have expressed his serious displeasure over the way DKS handled the party's moves in the Mysuru Mayoral polls.

Attempt made on rowdy-sheeter Ashok Pai's life again

Mandya, Feb. 27- A gang of miscreants, who barged into rowdy-sheeter Ashok Pai's sister's house at Haralakere village in Maddur taluk of Mandya district on Thursday night in a bid to eliminate him (Pai), have decamped with gold and cash as they could not find Pai in the house.

Ashok Pai

Pai's sister Jayalakshmi and her husband Ashwath stay in the house and it is learnt that Pai used to visit them frequently. Assuming that Pai was in the house, the gang of miscreants barged into the house at about 11.30 pm on Thursday after locking the door of the house from outside in which labourers stayed.

After barging into the house, the miscreants threatened Jayalakshmi and her husband and asked them to show where Pai was. When she (Jayalakshmi) said that Pai does not come to the house, the miscreants, armed with machetes ransacked the house and decamped with Rs. 3 lakh cash and 250 grams gold ornaments. In her complaint to the Police, Jayalakshmi has stated that the miscreants were not localites.

Additional Superintendent of Police (ASP) Dhananjay and Koppa Police visited the house, enquired Jayalakshmi and also pressed the Dog Squad and fingerprint experts into service.

Meanwhile, ASP Dhananjay, who spoke to media persons, said that the family members have stated that the miscreants had come in search of Pai to kill him and when they could not find him (Pai), the miscreants committed dacoity. He further said that the Police have taken the incident seriously and have begun the investigation. A case has been registered at Koppa Police Station.

It may be recalled that in 2016, a gang of miscreants had attacked the house of Pai at Madarahalli in Maddur taluk in a bid to murder him during which Pai had escaped miraculously.

Another attempt on Pai's life was made a few days later near Mandya RTO Office and here too Pai had escaped. In 2019, the Mandya District Administration had exiled him from the district for six months.

Pai, who is the prime accused in Jadeja Ravi's murder, had surrendered to the Police and it is suspected that Jadeja Ravi's gang members may have made attempts to kill Pai.

Official suspended for harassing girl student

Mysuru, Feb. 27 (PM&DM)- An Assistant Director of Social Welfare Department has been suspended on charges of harassing a girl student who had complained about lack of water in the hostel which she stayed.

M.K. Megha, who was serving as the Assistant Director of Mysuru taluk in the Social Welfare Department, is the one who has been suspended pending departmental enquiry.

A girl student from SC Community, who is an inmate of Post-Matric Girl Students Hostel at Bogadi, had complained to Megha urging her to address the water problem issue at the hostel. But Megha is alleged to have harassed the girl and also threatened her for complaining, following which a complaint was lodged at Saraswathipuram Police Station. But Megha, in an alleged display of arrogance, had failed to attend enquiry by senior officials, following which another complaint was lodged against her at Jayalakshmipuram Police Station.

Additional Directors (Administration and Development) of Social Welfare Department, who conducted a joint probe into the charges against M.K. Megha, submitted a report holding Megha *prima facie* guilty, following which the Commissioner of Social Welfare Department Dr. Ravikumar Surpur ordered her suspension pending departmental enquiry.

Megha has also been asked not to leave the Headquarters (Mysuru taluk) without permission of the higher authorities during the course of enquiry.

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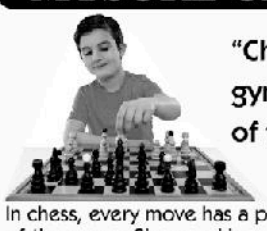
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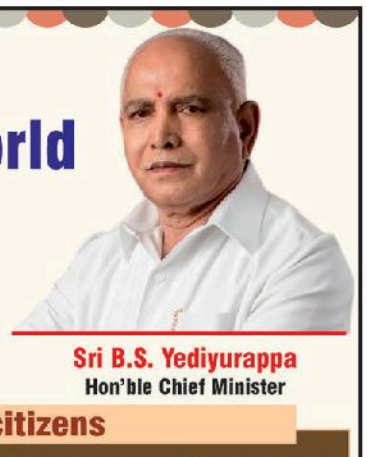
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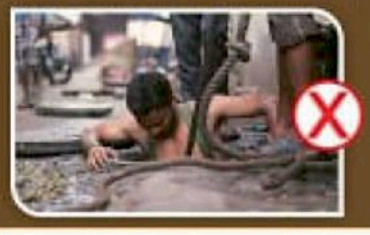
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THREAT OF LANDSLIDES

40-ft wall to fortify Kodagu DC Office

- Building stands on a steep gradient on the Madikeri-Mangaluru Road
- GSI scientists suggest retaining wall to secure structure worth Rs. 14.43 crore

Kushalnagar, Feb. 27 (Akshay& BCT)- Following the threat of landslides due to heavy rain, a huge 40-ft retaining wall is being built to protect the Kodagu Deputy Commissioner's Office at Madikeri. The Office, located on a steep gradient along the Madikeri-Mangaluru Road, is under threat of collapse. Nearly Rs. 5 crore is being spent on the project.

Named as District Administrative Office, the vast building houses the DC Office and several other departments have sections inside. It was built at a cost of Rs. 14.43 crore and was inaugurated in November 2014. Along with the DC's Office, the Offices of Assistant Commissioner, Mines and Geology Department, Labour, Education and Survey Department function from this building.

In August 2018, 2019 and 2020, previously unheard of rains lashed Kodagu and caused widespread havoc and loss of life and limbs. Many villages were wiped out and hills collapsed and landslides destroyed houses, trees, plantations and residential colonies. Madikeri Taluk was worst affected.

As a precautionary measure in 2020, the main offices located in the DC Office Complex were shifted and the offices functioned from the Office of City Municipal Council. Only essential sections were operated from the DC Office and the other non-essential wings were closed till the rain subsided.

GSI study, recommendations

Even Geologists from Geological Survey of India (GSI) officials, who conducted a study of the steep gradient on top of which the DC Office is located, had recommended the District Administration to construct a retaining wall to prevent any landslides.

The threat perception is high as a couple of landslides have occurred on the Madikeri-Mangaluru Road and even there were instances of road caving in and cracking open. In 2018 and 2019, many stretches of the road were closed and traffic was diverted. Passage of heavy vehicles was banned for several days.

The Kodagu DC Office that stands on a steep gradient along the Madikeri-Mangaluru Road.

Pre-casting concrete slabs are being made at Madikeri to build the wall.

Wall 140 meters in length

As per the GSI recommendations, the retaining wall is being built now. The tender has been bagged by Mysuru-based Ayyappa Constructions and the estimated cost of the wall is Rs. 5 crore. The wall will be 140 meters in length and the height varies from 30 to 40 feet. The contractors are using soil nailing and pre-casting method to build the sturdy wall, contractors told *Star of Mysore*.

It is a structure designed and constructed to resist the lateral pressure of soil and new technology is being used here. In a normal retaining wall, a plain wall will be built along the gradient. Here, iron rods are inserted into the walls up to two to three feet inside and two to three feet outside and then the wall will be built with pre-cast concrete material like they build the sides of any flyover.

Additional support is typically provided by rods and associated anchorage systems and will ensure that the concrete wall stays strong and will support the DC Office foundation and prevent it from sliding.

Thousands throng Nimishamba Temple

Devotees line up for *Punya Snana* on Full Moon day of *Maagha Maasa*

Srirangapatna, Feb. 27 (Vinay Karekura&BCT)- Thousands of people are arriving at the historic Nimishamba Temple at Srirangapatna since last midnight to bathe in River Cauvery and have a *darshan* of Goddess Nimishamba.

It is an auspicious day according to Hindu Almanac and Panchanga as today is *Pournami* that falls on *Maagha Maasa.*

Devotees started pouring at the Temple since midnight and the first *puja* rituals to the Goddess began at 1 am and ended at 3 am after which *prasadam* was distributed. People including thousands of women, children and the elderly gathered at the Temple premises and lined up to bathe in River Cauvery.

The Taluk Administration and Temple authorities had made arrangements for safety and security of the devotees.

According to Priest Dr. Bhramarambha Maheshwari, Feb. 27 (today) Saturday of *Maagha Maasa* is the most auspicious day for visiting Temples of Goddesses, especially those located on River Banks. "All places where river water flows near the temples of Goddesses are considered holy to bathe on this day," she said.

According to Suryanarayana Bhat, Chief Priest of Nimishamba Temple, the day is auspicious to pray 'Shakthi' Goddesses as she has the powers to remove all sorrows.

"The *Maagha Maasa* has come after *Shoonya Maasa* and today is Pournami (Full Moon) that has come on *Magha Nakshatra.* Devotees are coming here since midnight and we are expecting over a lakh of devotees. We have made arrangements for distributing food to over 35,000 devotees," he said.

Tusker Kusha in no mood to return to Dubare camp

Elephant went in search of mate one-and-a half years ago

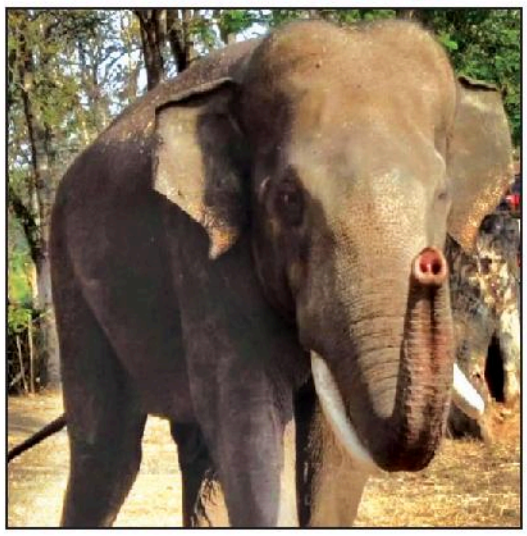
Kushalnagar, Feb. 27 (Raghu&BCT)- A male wild elephant always travels in search of its mate. He will jump from one herd of female elephants to another until he finds a female willing to mate. After a bull elephant has mated with a female, he will stay with the female and guard her from other males.

Sometimes, bull elephants are known to travel great distances in search of a partner and may not come back to its original place. Here is an example for this natural behaviour. At the Dubare Elephant Camp in Kodagu tamed elephant Kusha has been missing since the last one-and-a half years. He had broken his chain and had escaped from the camp.

Despite the best efforts by the Forest Department, the elephant has not come back. When the forest staff tried to coax Kusha back a couple of times, it showed an agitated behaviour, said officials. So much so that it even shies away from the mahout who tamed him, Dubare Deputy Range Forest Officer Ranjan told *Star of Mysore*.

Twenty-seven-year-old tusker Kusha was in Musth condition when it escaped from the Dubare camp and it had unshackled itself before venturing inside the woods in search of a female. Elephants Kusha and Lava were caught during an operation at Betekadu in Virajpet taluk four years ago and both were tamed at the Dubare camp by Mahout Mani, Kavadi Ravi.

Kusha was mischievous and normally, any elephant that wanders beyond the Dubare camp boundaries in search of a mate returns to the camp once the mating season is over. "But Kusha has not returned so far and it has joined a herd. We have tried our best to bring back Kusha but it is displaying its displeasure when we try to coax it



back to the camp and even tried to attack our staff. It is shying away from its Mahout and Kavadi," Ranjan said.

There are over 31 elephants at Dubare and there are only two female elephants. Both the female elephants are aged. Kushalnagar RFO Ananya Kumar has said that a letter has been written to the Department head office and instructions have been passed on to Dubare camp to bring back Kusha. "We are trying and as Kusha has joined a herd, it is difficult to keep a track. In fact, even Kusha's mate too protests whenever our staffs try to woo it back," he said.

Ananya Kumar added that the search and efforts to bring Kusha back will continue for six months. "We have devised CCTV cameras along the elephant path to track Kusha and our efforts would continue," he added.

Dr. Ashwini is new Mandya SP

Dr. Ashwini

Mandya, Feb. 27- In a surprise move, the State Government yesterday transferred Mandya Superintendent of Police (SP) K. Parashuram. He is replaced by Dr. Ashwini, who was serving as a Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) of State Intelligence at Bengaluru. Parashuram has now been posted as the SP of Directorate of Civil Rights Enforcement at Bengaluru.

With the appointment of Dr. Ashwini, Mandya district has added one more top woman officer. Recently, IAS officer Aswathi had taken charge as Mandya DC from Dr. M.V. Venkatesh, who was transferred to Bengaluru.

PM interacts with toy makers

(Continued from page 1)

The toy makers said they have heard about e-market but not tried about it yet. However, they have the system of giving the award to best innovation. When Modi wanted to know to which innovative toy the award was given last year? The toy maker innocently replied 'Hanuman,' to which, the PM said what innovation can they make out of Hanuman since it had been done in past. "If you want to attract the world towards your toys, you must go for innovation. You cannot depend upon the Government for everything. All toy makers must sit and think about bringing innovation into your 200-year-old profession to make your products reach worldwide. Of course, Government Department is there to help you in this regard. Bring innovation to your toys in such a way that it should bring smile on the faces of children around the globe," the PM said.

Modi promised that he would talk to the Government of Karnataka to help in arranging a visit of start-ups and IT companies to 'toy town' and help artisans to bring novelty in their profession. "Innovation is order of the day without which no business will prosper," he added.

Saptapadi mass marriage to be held at Chamundi Hill on Mar. 15 and June 17

Mysuru, Feb. 27- Religious Endowment Department will organise Mass Marriage on Mar. 15 and June 17 under its ambitious 'Saptapadi' scheme at Sri Chamundeshwari Hill Temple, according to a statement released by Sri Chamundeshwari Temple Executive Officer.

Eligible couples can register their names before Feb. 28 for Saptapadi Mass Marriage, which will be held on Mar. 15 at auspicious *Abhijit lagna* from 11 am to 12 noon. The details of brides and bridegrooms registered for the event will be published at temple premises on Mar. 5. Objections, if any, can be submitted before Mar. 10 and the final list will be published on Mar. 12.

For 'Saptapadi' programme, which will be held on June 17 at auspicious *Abhijit lagna* between 11 am to 12 noon, eligible couples can register their names before May. 31. The details of applicants will be published at the temple premises on June 3. Objections, if any, can be submitted before June 10 and the final list will be published on June 13.

The bridegroom would be given Rs. 5,000 as marriage expenses, while the bride would be given Rs. 10,000 for purchase of saree, blouse and garland as well as Rs. 55,000 for purchasing Mangalya.

For details, contact Ph: 0821-2590027 or Mob: 99802-349947.

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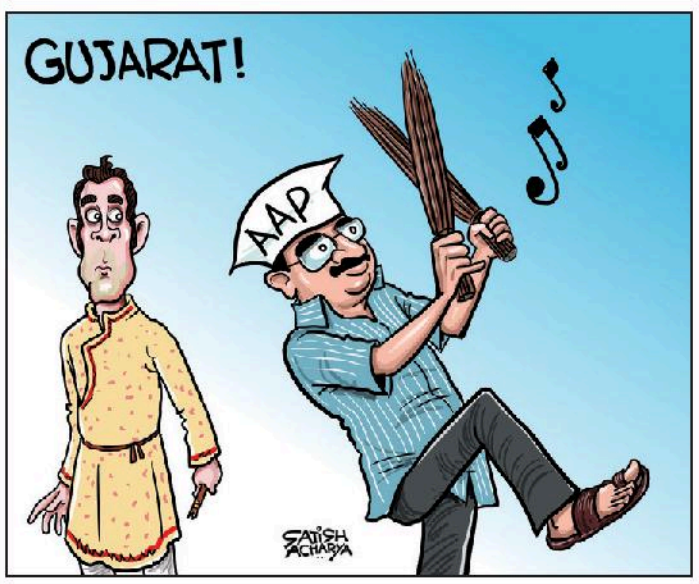

City's Art Pavilion

A photo journey of ongoing art, jewellery and textile shows in Mysuru city

Fortune JP Palace

NAVARATHAN'S JEWELLERY SHOW: ***The Jewellery Show, organised by Navarathan, began at Fortune JP Palace in city yesterday. The expo of exquisite designs and collections of temple and antique jewellery, diamond jewellery, wedding collection and silver articles, is open to public from 10 am to 9 pm today and tomorrow. The event also features fashion show by aspiring models of Mysuru on both days.***

JSS Mysore Urban Haat

CRAFT BAZAAR: ***The Craft Bazaar, organised by JSS Mysore Urban Haat, in association with the Ministry of Textile (Department of Handicraft), Government of India, New Delhi, began at the Urban Haat premises, Ring Road, Hebbal Industrial Estate, in city yesterday. Karnataka State Handicrafts Development Corporation Limited (KSHDCL) Chairman Beloor Raghavendra Shetty, JSS Mahavidyapeetha Executive Secretary Dr. C.G. Betsurmath and others seen at the expo venue last evening. The exhibition-cum-sale is open between 10 am to 9 pm till Mar. 7.***

Institution of Engineers-India

KASHMIR FESTIVAL: ***A ten-day Kashmir Festival, the exhibition-cum-sale of Kashmir's traditional art, craft and textiles, took off at the Institution of Engineers-India (IEI) premises on JLB Road in city yesterday. The expo will be open to public from 10.30 am to 9 pm on all days.***

JSS Ground near Doddakere Maidan

SAHARA ARTS & CRAFTS SHOPPING FESTIVAL: ***The ongoing the Handicraft and Handloom Expo-cum-Sale — Sahara Arts & Crafts Shopping Festival — at JSS Ground, next to Doddakere Maidan, opp. Dasara Exhibition Grounds, is open to public between 10.30 am and 9.30 pm. The expo is on till Mar. 28.***

IRS officer from Kodagu in Foreign Asset Investigation Unit

Will probe undisclosed foreign assets

Mysuru, Feb. 27 (BCT)- Dr. Kottangada Pemmaiah, an Indian Revenue Services (IRS) (Income Tax) officer from Kodagu, currently posted in Surat, Gujarat, as the Deputy Director (Investigation), has been additionally appointed as the Deputy Director of Foreign Asset Investigation Unit (FAIU) in Surat.

Dr. Pemmaiah

Dr. Pemmaiah will work in the FAIU that has been created by the Union Government in the countrywide investigation wings of the Income Tax Department for focussed probe in cases of undisclosed assets held by Indians abroad and possession of black money in foreign shores.

FAIUs have been recently created in all the 14 Investigation Directorates of the Income Tax Department located in various parts of the country that are primarily tasked to undertake raids and seizures, and develop intelligence to check tax evasion done by various methods.

Dr. Pemmaiah with his mother Viju Devaiah.

Gujarat has created two such units, one in Ahmadabad and the other in Surat. Karnataka will have one. The FAIUs have been created as new wings within the various Investigation Directorates of the Income Tax Department to bring focus on cases of undisclosed assets held abroad by Indians and black money stashed abroad, Government sources said.

The new units will also probe cases of Indian entities named in global tax document leaks like the Panama Papers. The FAIUs will be under the authority of the jurisdictional Director General of Income Tax (investigation) rank officer and its work will be directly monitored by the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT).

Dr. Pemmaiah is the son of Kottangada late Devaiah. His mother Viju Devaiah is a social worker and President of Cauvery Pommakkada Koota at Gonikoppal. Before getting into Civil Services, Dr. Pemmaiah was serving as Resident Medical Officer at Gonikoppal Community Health Centre.

Two KSFIC employees booked for assault

Mysuru, Feb. 27 (RK&DM)- The Ashokapuram Police have booked two employees of Karnataka State Forest Industries Corporation (KSFIC) on charges of assaulting and threatening a Firewood contractor.

Murali and Usman Shaikh, employees of KSFIC having office at Kuvempunagar, are the ones who are booked.

Mohammad Ismail Pasha, a firewood contractor of Nagamangala, had lodged a complaint with the Ashokapuram Police on Feb. 25 accusing Murali and Usman Shaikh of assaulting and threatening him of murder, when he had been to KSFIC office on Feb. 18 to ask for payment of pending dues with regard to transportation of firewood.

Based on Pasha's complaint, the Police have booked a case against Murali and Usman Shaikh under IPC sections 341, 323, 504 and 506 r/w 34.

ZAK Chairman greets CM on birthday

Zoo Authority of Karnataka (ZAK) Chairman L.R. Mahadevaswamy (second from right) seen greeting Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa on his (CM) birthday at the CM's official residence 'Cauvery' in Bengaluru this morning as MyMUL Director N.C. Ashok, Karnataka State Khadi and Village Industries Board President N.R. Krishnappa Gowda, BJP leader N.V. Vinay Kumar and others look on.

Man goes missing

Mysuru, Feb. 27 (KS)- A 37-year-old man, who left his house for work on Feb. 18 at about 10 am, has since gone missing.

The missing person is **M. Mahadevaswamy**,

an employee of Mysuru Railway Co-operative Bank and a resident of Gokulam 2nd Stage in city.

He is 5.8 ft. tall, well-built, wheatish complexioned, round-faced, speaks Kannada, Hindi and English and was wearing a blue coloured full arm shirt and black pant at the time of going missing.

Those having information about the missing person may contact Jayalakshmipuram Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418316 or call Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339, according to a press release.

Obituary

J.L. Rama Tantri

Mysuru, Feb. 27- J.L. Rama Tantri (79), Proprietor of Hotel Ramaa Grand, Founder of Hotel Ajantha and a resident of Siddarthanagar, passed away last night in city.

A native of Dakshina Kannada, he leaves behind his wife, son Subramanya Tantri, President of Hoteliers Charitable Trust, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

A senior member of Mysuru Hotel Owners Association, Rama Tantri was also an active member of Shri Krishna Mitra Mandali and was a recipient of State Hotel Owners Association's Athitya Award. He had also served as the President of Krishnadharma Sabha. Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill this morning.

Arivu Ranga to present Kannada play 'QED' tomorrow

Mysuru, Feb. 27- Arivu Ranga, in collaboration with Karnataka Science and Technology Academy, has organised Mysore Science Theatre Festival-2021 and is presenting Kannada play 'QED,' which is based on the life of renowned physicist Prof. Richard Feynman, at Kirurangamandira (Mini Theatre) in Kalamandira premises here tomorrow (Feb. 28) at 6.15 pm.

One of the foremost scientists in Physics of 20th century, Nobel laureate Prof. Richard Feynman had played a significant role in originating a new branch within Atomic Physics known as Quantum Electro Dynamics — QED.

Yathish Kollegala has directed the play, which is based on American playwright Peter Parnell's English play and translated to Kannada by Shashidhar Dongre. For details, contact Mob: 94818-15872 or 99012-25074, according to a press release.

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WORD OF THE DAY

Nebula

Pronunciation: NEB-yuh-luh.
Meaning: Any of numerous clouds of gas or dust in interstellar space; galaxy; especially : a galaxy other than the Milky Way.
Origin: The history of today's word is not lost in the mists of time, although its history does get misty at points. Nebula comes to us from Latin, where it means "mist" or "cloud." In its earliest English uses in the 1600s, nebula was chiefly a medical term that could refer either to a cloudy formation in urine or to a cloudy speck or film on the eye that caused vision problems. It was first applied to great interstellar clouds of gas and dust in the early 1700s. The adjective nebulous comes from the same Latin root as nebula, and it is considerably older, being first used as a synonym of cloudy or foggy as early as the 1300s. Like nebula, however, this adjective was not used in an astronomical sense until the mid-1600s.
Example: "Many nebulae are today known and loved by their numbers in [the New General Catalogue of Nebulae and Clusters of Stars]: NGC 6822 is a faint nearby irregular galaxy, NGC 7027 is a planetary nebula, NGC 6960 is a supernova remnant...." — Frederick R. Chromey

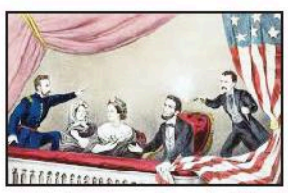
THE ODD WORD

Nacket

Snack; light lunch.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Your name is mud



Meaning: You are unpopular.
Origin: In May 2010, BP tried to cap the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico by plugging the leak with heavy mud. Had it worked, it might have given them some hope of limiting the damage to their reputation.
As it didn't, the BP brand name is, more literally than most, mud. BP's CEO Tony Hayward has joined another villain of the collective American psyche, Dr. Samuel Mudd, who is widely reviled for his part in the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln. Dr. Mudd gave medical help to John Wilkes Booth, who broke his leg while escaping after shooting Lincoln in 1865. Mudd was convicted of being Booth's conspirator, although the evidence against him was ambiguous and circumstantial, and many historians argue that he was innocent of any murderous intent. He has since been pardoned and there's even a Facebook site dedicated to salvaging his reputation.
Actually, whether Dr. Mudd was innocent or not is of little consequence in regard to the origin of 'your name is mud', as it was in general circulation long before Lincoln was assassinated.

QUOTE BOX

No mud can soil us but the mud we throw. — **James Russell Lowell**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

ACC		
S	O	
TNU		

Answer: Square Accounts.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Air Transport Indicator
4 The indigo plant
8 East European
12 Container in the bathroom
13 A game of chance
14 Mexican coin
15 Compliant
17 Windows alternative
18 Principle of conduct
19 Let it stand!
21 TV channel
23 Recorded (2,4)
27 Arab sleeveless garment
30 Choose
32 Lure
33 A sloping walkway
35 East Indian shrub
37 The capital of Italy
38 Beet variety
40 Swamp or morass
42 Long playing records, in short
43 Narrow channel
45 By the ___ : incidentally?
47 ___ fixe : an obsession?
49 Identification tab
53 Winglike
56 More ghostly
58 Dry river-bed
59 Teller of falsehoods
60 Petname for Florence
61 Wearing not a thing?
62 A measure of area
63 Island of Denmark

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

S	H	E	A	■	O	P	U	S	■	C	A	R
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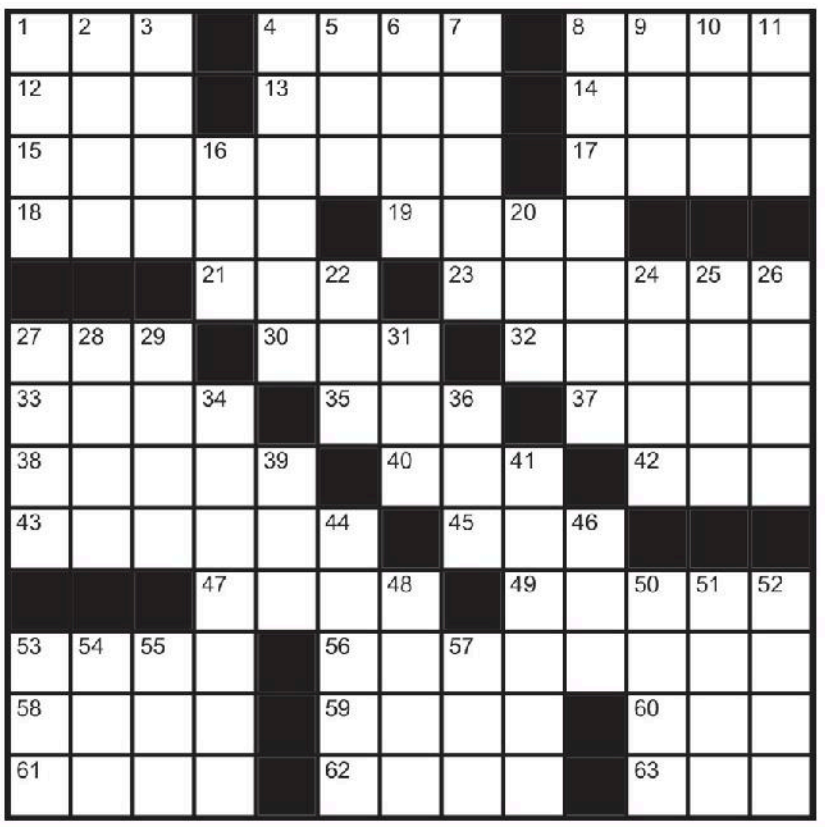
DOWN

1 Energy source
2 Brass instrument
3 Wild mountain goat
4 With the hand on the hip and the elbow turned outward
5 Maiden-name
6 Small hotels
7 Sweeps game
8 Clamber
9 Sir Hutton of cricket
10 Airspeed Indicator, abbr.
11 ___ populi or ___ dei (same word)
16 Loud noise
20 A conclusion
22 Closest Pt. of Approach
24 System of bidding in Bridge
25 Majestic display
26 Organs of sight
27 Parts of circumference of a circle or other curves?
28 Monetary unit of Thailand
29 ___, Akbar, Anthony : Bollywood superhit?
31 Bill, "bat" anagram?
34 American plain
36 Not high
39 Carried out
41 In abundance
44 Unit of magnetic induction
46 Tibetan ox?
48 Great story
50 A smart blow?
51 Like congers
52 Author Hubbard (1,3)
53 Bristle of barley
54 Fijian island
55 Do this when the sign is "+"
57 Boat propeller



SUDOKO

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		3				5	6	
				5				6
	2		1		6		4	
3				8				
	3	9				6		
	6			1		2	7	8
	1				5			

Answer to previous puzzle

4	2	9	8	1	5	7	6	3
3	1	7	2	6	4	8	5	9
5	6	8	7	9	3	1	2	4
8	7	3	9	4	6	5	1	2
9	4	6	1	5	2	3	8	7
1	5	2	3	8	7	4	9	6
7	3	5	6	2	8	9	4	1
6	9	4	5	3	1	2	7	8
2	8	1	4	7	9	6	3	5

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

ZUQPA IUQ JNH MNWXU IVZUQWZ JNWPA UNFA

AVZUAT RQWHC ZUA ZTWA KANHVHX QR UNOOVHAPP

QT UNFA XQHA PZNTG TNFVHX KNC.

TODAY'S CLUE: X EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Sometimes people are beautiful. Not in looks. Not in what they say. Just in what they are.

Staging of Shakespeare's play Macbeth at Rangayana

Mysuru, Feb. 27- The students of Rangayana's Bharatiya Rangashikshana Kendra will be staging William Shakespeare's play 'Macbeth' under the direction of Kendra Head S. Ramanath at Vanaranga in Rangayana premises today and tomorrow at 7 pm, according to a press release from Rangayana Mysuru Director Addanda C. Cariappa.

NOW SHOWING - MOVIES

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	(S-4)	4.10 pm, 7 pm, 9.50 pm
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	(S-3)	10.15 am, 4.30 pm
	(S-4)	11.00 am
Chakra (Ta)	(S-1)	4.10 pm
Inspector Vikram (K)	(S-2)	10.30 am, 4.15 pm
Cyanide Mallika (K)	(S-2)	1.30 pm
The Marksman (E)	(S-2)	7.30 pm
Operation Java (Ma)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Kushka (K)	(S-3)	1.40 pm
The Vigil (E)	(S-3)	7.45 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-4)	2.05 pm

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Pogaru (K)	(S-1)	11.00 am, 2.30 pm
		6.15 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-2)	1.00 pm, 5.15 pm
Inspector Vikram (K)	(S-2)	9.00 am
Tom and Jerry (E)	(S-4)	10.35 am, 7.00 pm
Cyanide Mallika (K)	(S-4)	1.00 pm
Check (Te)	(S-2)	10.20 am
	(S-4)	3.50 pm, 9.40 pm
Salt (K)	(S-3)	3.00 pm
Preman (K)	(S-3)	11.50 am
Kushka (K)	(S-3)	6.05 pm
Operation Java (Ma)	(S-3)	9.15 pm

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Ambani Putra (K)	(S-1)	10.30 am
Check (Te)	(S-1)	1.30 pm, 9.00 pm
	(S-2)	6.30 pm; (S-4) 11 am
Angulika (Te)	(S-1)	6.15 pm
	(S-4)	1.45 pm
Pogaru (K)	(S-2)	10.45 am, 3 pm, 9.15 pm
	(S-3)	1.45 pm, 5 pm, 8.15 pm
Inspector Vikram (K)	(S-3)	10.30 am
	(S-4)	4.30 pm, 7.45 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here. **The other multiplexes and single screen theatres are yet to open.**

EVENTS TODAY (FEB. 27)

- **Silk Cotton Fab:** Exhibition-cum-Sale, Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry, Vinoba Road, **up to 8.30 pm.**
- **Navarathan:** Jewellery Show, Fortune JP Palace, **up to 9 pm.**
- **Amrita Darshanam - International Centre for Spiritual Studies, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Mysuru Campus and South Zone Cultural Centre, Thanjavur (Ministry of Culture, Government of India):** Valedictory of 3-day international virtual workshop on 'The Ideology Inherent in the Tradition of Vedic Recitation and Practices - An exposure,' Prof. Srinivasa Varakhedi, Vice-Chancellor, Kavikulaguru Kalidas Sanskrit University, Maharashtra, delivers valedictory address, Amrita Campus, Bogadi II Stage, **3.30 pm.** [Mob: 94496-77863 or 84382-60205]
- **Sri Krishna Gana Sabha:** Tyagaraja and Purandaradasa Aradhana Mahotsava, Goshti Gayana and Music Concert - Vidu. Rajalakshmi Sridhar (vocal), Vid. H.S. Thandavamurthy (violin) and Vid. G.S. Kumar (mridanga), Alwar Kalabhavan, Gokulam 3rd Stage, **5.30 pm.**
- **JSS Mahavidyapeetha - Sri Shivarathreeshwara Religious Endowment:** 274th Shivanubhava Dasoha Lecture, poet Dr. Jayappa Honnali speaks on 'Vachanabrahma Sarvajna,' Nanjangud Government PU College Mathematics Lecturer B. Shivakumar presides, Bhajans by Sri Shivarathreeshwara Bhajana Mandali, No. 737, JSS Layout 2nd Stage, Lalithadripura, **6 pm.**
- **Ganabharathi:** Desiraju Venkata Narsimha Rao Memorial Programme - Vocal Duet by Vidu. Sindhu Suchethan and Vidu. H.M. Smitha, accompanied by Vidu. Pruthvi Bhaskar on violin and Vid. Admyaa on mridanga and Vid. Bhargav Halambi on kanjira, Ganabharathi premises, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.** [Mob: 99000-82773]
- **Suttur Mutt, Mysuru:** Online monthly moonlight music programme, Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graces the occasion, young vocalist Vid. Vivek Sadasivam presents Karnatak Music Concert, accompanied by Vid. Keshav Mohankumar on violin, Vid. G.S. Ramanujam on mridanga and Vid. Shamit S. Gowda on ghata, ***[https://www.youtube.com/c/JSSMahavidyapeetha online*** OR ***https://www.face book.com/JSSMVP/*** OR ***http://jssonline.org],*** **6 pm.**
- **Aparyaaptha:** Mehfil-e-Sufiyana - Musical evening including presentation of works of Amir Khusrau, Jalaluddin Rumi, Saint Kabir Das, Shishunala Sharifa and Purandaradasa, Kabir, social worker P. Mallesh, Dr. Dharanidevi Malagatti, Rangayana Mysuru Director Addanda C. Cariappa and Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy, MUDA Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh and RJ Rashmi guests, Chintana Chavadi, Kalamandira premises, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (FEB. 28)

- **JSS Mysore Urban Haat and Ministry of Textile (Department of Handicraft), Government of India, New Delhi:** Craft Bazaar, JSS Urban Haat, Ring Road, Hebbal Industrial Estate, **10 am to 9 pm.**
- **Navarathan:** Jewellery Show, Fortune JP Palace, **10 am to 9 pm.**
- **Akhila Bharatiya Sahitya Parishat, Karnataka:** State-level Kavigoshti Contest on 'Ayodhyeyalli Rama Mandira - Hrudayadalli Ramachandira,' Parishat State Vice-President S.G. Koti inaugurates, State Gen. Secretary Raghunandan Bhat delivers keynote address, Mysuru President Dr. V. Ranganath will be present, **10 am;** Kavigoshti, littérateur Dr. C.P. Krishna Kumar presides, **11 am;** Valedictory address by Vibhu Foundation-Bengaluru Head Dr. V.B. Arathi, Madhava Kripa, JLB Road, **2.30 pm.**
- **Akhila Bharata Veerashaiva Lingayat Mahasabha, Akhila Bharata Sharana Sahitya Parishat, Kadali Mahila Vedike and B.N. Chandraiah's family, Mysuru:** *Nudi Namana* to linguist Dr. B.N. Chandraiah, Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graces the occasion, Rotary Mysore West, Kamaskhi Hospital Road, Saraswathipuram, **10.30 am.**
- **Silk Cotton Fab:** Exhibition-cum-Sale, Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry, Vinoba Road, **10.30 am to 8.30 pm.**
- **Kashmir Festival:** Exhibition-cum-sale of Kashmir's traditional art, craft and textiles, Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), JLB Road, **10.30 am to 9 pm.**
- **Karnataka Muktaka Sahitya Academy:** 21st anniversary celebrations, Muktaka and Kannada songs recital by Vidu. Shubha Raghavendra, accompanied by Vid. Ganesh Shankar Bhat on keyboard and Vid. Bhimashankar Bidanur on tabla, **10.30 am;** Book release — Muktaka poet M. Muttuswamy's 'Yadukula Vaibhavageete' — by Chamarajanagar JSS College former Principal Prof. Maleyuru Guruswamy, Academy President Rajashekar Kadamba presides, Hon. President S. Ramaprasad and author M. Muttuswamy will be present, **11.30 am;** Conferring of DVG Muktaka Sahitya Award-2020 on Muktaka Poet M. Muttuswamy of Mysuru by Prof. H.S. Lakshminarayana Bhatta (former Physics Professor of 'Kaggada Bhatta' fame, Bengaluru); Felicitation to five personalities — Rameshwari Varma (theatre & cinema), Dr. S.A. Mohan Krishna (science & technology), L. Shivalingappa (sculpture), Suneetha Chandrakumar (Sugama Sangeetha), Amshi Prasannakumar (journalism) and Rtn. H.R. Keshav (Rotary service), Mysore K. Vasudevacharya Bhavan (Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha), JLB Road, **4.30 pm.**
- **Art Expo:** National Science Day, painting expo by U.G. Mohan Kumar Aradhya, senior artist and Bharani Art Gallery Chief Convenor N.B. Kaverappa inaugurates, retd. Principal of Somani College Prof. Mallikarjuna Shastri presides, Karnataka Rajya Vijnana Parishat Hon. Secretary C. Krishne Gowda and V. Govindachari of BARC chief guests, teacher and artist U.G. Mohan Kumar Aradhya will be present, Suchitra Art Gallery, Kalamandira premises, **10.30 am.**
- **Sri Shankara Jayanti Sabha, Mysuru:** Annual General Body Meeting (AGM), Sabha premises, 3rd Cross, Samudaya Bhavan, Tengina Thopu (Coconut Grove), Saraswathipuram, **4 pm.**
- **Ravindranatha Tagore (R.T.) Nagar Residents Welfare and Cultural Association:** Inauguration of the Association by MLA G.T. Devegowda, MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev unveils name plate, D. Devaraj Urs Backward Classes Welfare Corporation Chairman R. Raghu Kautilya inaugurates R.T. Nagar Residents Arts Expo, former MUDA Chairman Dhruvakumar and MUDA Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh guests of honour, Kautilya Bhavan, R.T. Nagar, **4 pm.**
- **Srigowri Music School:** 7th Annual Purandarothsava, Sri Raghavendraswamy Mutt Manager V. Badarinath inaugurates, Aagama Pandit Vid. H.A. Venkateshacharya and Sri Durga Natya Academy Charitable Trust Vidu. Srividya Shashidhar chief guests, Sri Raghavendraswamy Mutt, Subbarayanakere, Naranyan Shastry Road, **5 pm.**
- **Sri Krishna Gana Sabha and Sri Krishna Seva Samithi Charitable Trust, Mysuru:** Maharaja Sri Chamarajendra Wadiyar X Jayanthi celebrations, Mangalore Ganesh Beedi Works Managing Trustee Dr. M. Jagannath Shenoy chief guest, Sri Krishna Gana Sabha President B.S. Sridhar Raje Urs presides; Music programme by Vid. Pattabhirama Pandit (vocal), Vidu. Charulatha Ramanujam (violin) and Vid. Arjun Kumar (mridanga), Alwar Kalabhavan, Gokulam 3rd Stage, **6 pm.**
- **Mysore Mime Team:** Staging of play 'Ondu Chitrakathe,' [Writer: Parvatavani; Director: Vinay Ninasam; Music: Pallavi Anand (CAVA)], Mini Theatre, Kalamandira, **7 pm.** [Mob: 99864-02816]

ISL 2020-2021

NorthEast United defeats Kerala; reaches semi-finals

Vasco, Feb. 27- NorthEast United FC qualified for the semi-finals of Hero Indian Super League (Hero ISL) 2020-21 after a 2-0 win against Kerala Blasters FC at the Tilak Maidan Stadium in Vasco yesterday.

Suhair Vadakkepeedika opened the scoring for the Highlanders in the 34th minute and Lalengmawia doubled their lead just before the halftime whistle.

AWARDS — Hero of the Match: Lalengmawia (NorthEast United); **DHL Winning Pass of the Match:** Khassa Camara (NorthEast United)

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Tomorrow's Matches (Feb. 28)

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MUMBAI CITY
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ATK MOHUN BAGAN
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Yesterday's Result

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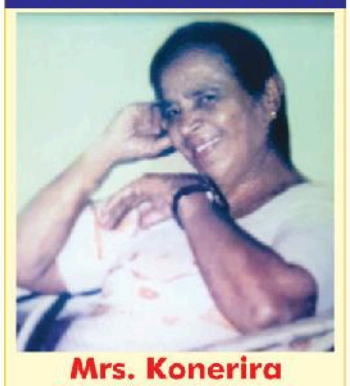

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